

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 19-21.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

~~Claims~~**What is claimed is:**

1. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) A holding device for fastening a lighter to a cigarette box, wherein the holding device features at least one sword-shaped spring clip, which can be pushed into the cigarette box.

9. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 8, wherein the spring clip has spring-action edge areas.

10. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 9, wherein the spring-action edge areas are edge areas in the form of clip springs.

11. (Currently Amended) The holding device according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the spring clips are manufactured as one piece with the lighter or its body.

12. (Currently Amended) The holding device according to claim ~~1~~ 8, wherein the spring clip is connected with the body of the lighter, by sliding along a groove or with spring-action, by pressing on, by snapping on, or by twisting on.

13. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 8, wherein the spring clip is connected with a retainer for the lighter.

14. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 8, wherein the spring clip is width-adjustable.

15. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 8, wherein the spring clip is a one piece with a retainer for the lighter.

16. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 15, wherein the retainer for the lighter is a retainer ring or retainer clips.
17. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 15, wherein the retainer for the lighter is formed by a wall section connected with the spring clip and with clips or spring arms on said wall section.
18. (Previously Presented) The holding device according to claim 17, wherein an opening or recess is provided on the wall section, through which the spring clip is fully visible.
19. – 21. (Cancelled)
22. (Currently Amended) The holding device according to ~~one of the foregoing claims, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein it is made of plastic.